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Senator Page won a victory Wednesday, the Senate passing his vocational educational bill, which authorizes maximum appropriations of about \$12,000,000 for agricultural and trade educational work. The measure now goes to the House, where there will be a fight over it, and thence to a conference committee.

The so-called sterilization law passed by the legislature is described as at best "a crude, nauseating production of doubtful constitutionality," and the characterization will undoubtedly appeal to a large majority of the citizens of Vermont when they learn more of the radical nature of this hurried piece of law-making. Science has much to do before the ill equipped eugenicists of a legislative body have any license to experiment in the moral regeneration of its fellowmen.

The measure ought not to become a law.

### A Very Long Session.

Mr. Weeks of Middlebury impressed the fact on the members of the House the other day that this has already exceeded in elapsed term the duration of any previous session, and his remarks were an intimation that its greatness in good works hardly offset the expense to the wondering taxpayers of the state. The session costs approximately \$1450 per day. Mr. Weeks said, and every time adjournment was taken from Friday until Monday evening it cost the State \$5000.

This is a good deal of money, to be sure; there is some grumbling around the state, and it is even said that the word has gone forth from some high places that the legislature has been in session quite long enough.

It seems that after all Governor Fletcher didn't say that "the Vermont legislature is getting more and more like a circus," though the public in general accepted the governor's quoted remark with a calmness that amounted to a pleased indifference. But he didn't say that the Vermont legislature was like a circus or was getting more like a circus. What he did say was, according to the Burlington Free Press, whose surprise at the reported remark made it look into the censurable affair a little further, "that all legislatures were more or less like a circus, but that the present Vermont legislature was one of the strongest in his legislative experience extending over a decade."

The Free Press has set our honored chief executive right before the legislature and the rest of the world, but sometimes the exactions of modern journalism are an irritation and a nuisance.

### Appointments by the Governor

Governor Fletcher sent to the Senate Tuesday afternoon three appointments.

Charles A. Plumley of Northfield, the present speaker at the House, is named as State tax commissioner to succeed J. E. Cushman of Burlington.

Dr. W. N. Bryant of Ludlow, who has been serving on the board of supervisors of the insane, is given a permanent appointment to that position and Dr. R. M. Pelton of Richmond is re-appointed a member of the board.

### New Library at Mount Hermon School.

Founder's day, February 5th, at Mount Hermon Boys' School, which Dwight L. Moody founded at Northfield thirty years ago, will be made notable this year on account of the dedication of the beautiful new Schaffner memorial library, the gift of Mrs. A. F. Schaffner of New York city, in memory of Rev. William G. Schaffner, D. D., long connected with educational and missionary work in Turkey.

The library is a one-story brick building, with Vermont marble trimmings, and colonial in style.

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## THE LEGISLATURE

Not a single vote was cast in the House Tuesday morning in favor of the proposals of amendment made by the Senate to the flat rate tax bill. The matter came up as a special order and the vote was taken after brief debate.

The question will therefore soon be presented to the Senate whether it will stand by its proposals of amendment to the House bill, or the Babbitt five per cent exemption bill as proposed to be amended in the House.

The Senate devoted the bulk of its energy Tuesday discussing Bill 177, relating to the sale and distribution of electric energy. This measure had been tabled six times and after nearly the whole of the afternoon session had been spent on the bill the measure was passed. Mr. Dale proposed an amendment making provision for the sale of electric energy without the state, but this was defeated.

### HARTLAND.

Mr. Davies, assistant secretary of the County Y. M. C. A., gave a very interesting talk at the get together community service last Sunday evening at the Congregational church on "The Community and the Boy." These meetings are increasing in interest and attendance every week. Come one, come all.

Feb. 8, 1913 is the date of the Hartland Nature Club meeting at Village room.

Rev. C. C. Gill attended the funeral of Rev. J. H. Fuller at Johnson on Jan. 26.

M. R. Headle of North Hartland was in town calling on relatives the first of the week. He has just recovered from a severe attack of the prevailing distemper.

D. F. King and son Herbert of North Hartland spent Jan. 28 at W. E. Britton's.

### THREE GIRLS HURT.

None Seriously Injured When Carriages Collide at W. R. Junction.

A crash between two carriages at the corner of Maple and Bridge streets, White River Junction, Tuesday, caused three young women to be thrown out on the ground, but fortunately all escaped serious injury.

Miss Lillian Palmer of Wilder was picked up unconscious and taken into a neighboring house, where she was revived. She suffered numerous bruises, but no bones were broken. The horse became unmanageable, the whiffletree broke, letting the carriage on his heels, and the vehicle locked wheels with a carriage in which Misses Mildred and Christine Beyerle of West Lebanon were driving.

Both horses broke loose from the vehicles and Miss Mildred Beyerle was thrown out, striking her head, was hurt about the head and shoulders. Her sister was also thrown out, receiving only a slight shaking up. Both were able to go home unassisted.

### WEST HARTFORD.

The C. E. Society held their annual oyster supper in the church vestry Thursday evening.

Miss Elizabeth Munsell visited friends in White River Junction the first of the week.

Dr. and Mrs. Watson from South Braintree, Mass., are visiting friends in town.

Mrs. Coyt Dimick has been teaching in the primary room the past two weeks while Miss Howard was home caring for her mother who has been quite ill.

W. O. Stetson is added to the sick list.

Mrs. John Doton of Pomfret visited at R. C. Munsell's Tuesday.

Clayton Hunt has the measles.

Lora Reynolds is gaining from her recent illness and is able to be out again.

Rev. Mr. French preaches his farewell sermon next Sunday.

Deacon and Mrs. Bruce visited friends in South Royalton recently.

Mrs. A. Miles is not gaining very fast from her recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Copeland have gone to Bridgewater to spend the remainder of the winter with their son, Frank Copeland.

S. M. Snow, who has been sick for several weeks, is improving and is able to be on the street again.

Harcourt Dimick spent Sunday in town.

Ernest Howard who has been sick with the grip is able to be out again.

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## BETHEL.

John Allen is confined to the house with injuries received while sliding. Young Allen was steering a traverse down a hill of glare ice and was unable to keep it in the road, and the sled with its load of boys went into a barbed wire fence. A gash was cut on one of Allen's legs that extended from the thigh to the ankle and he was badly cut and bruised besides. The others on the traverse were also injured.

### Parcel Post a Saving.

The parcel post during the first 15 days saved the people of the country more than half a million dollars and has not proved a hardship to the overworked letter carriers according to Senator Bourne, author of the law.

Reports from 45 leading cities show that 5,000,000 parcels have been dispatched at an average cost of seven and seven-tenths cents. Under one cent an ounce, the rate average would have been eighteen and a half cents.

### Flowers Bloom in Rutland.

The claim in various floral catalogues that certain hardy bulbs will bloom beside a snowbank is demonstrated on the lawn of Dr. Ray E. Smith in Rutland where was recently seen crocuses and snow drops, the blossoms looking as fresh as on an ordinary April morning, notwithstanding the fact that there have been a few freezing nights during this unusual January. These bulbs usually blossom out of doors at Easter time.

### Young Deer Killer Fined \$100

Green Brimmer of Pownal, aged 18, pleaded guilty in Bennington municipal court Tuesday afternoon to killing deer during the closed season and was fined \$100. The deer killed by Brimmer was shot Sunday, November 17, while running by the young man's home in the village of South Pownal.

### Vermont's Coadjutor Bishop.

Rev. William Farrar Weeks, rector of Trinity church in Shelburne and for 27 years a priest in the Protestant Episcopal diocese of this state, was on Wednesday consecrated as bishop coadjutor of Vermont. The ceremonies of consecration took place in St. Paul's church, Burlington, and were conducted by Rt. Rev. A. C. A. Hall, bishop of Vermont.

**Apprehension.**  
"You are nervous, sir, are you not?"  
"Yes, sir. I shall be nervous until the drafting season is passed and gone."

**The drafting season?**  
"Yes—for cooks! I live in the suburbs, you know. We are divided into leagues out there—major and minor, and each league is further divided into classes. To the major league belong those families whose cars cost more than \$500, to the minor league those whose cars cost less. My family is in Class B of the minor league, which means that our cook is subject to draft Class A of the minor league and all the classes of the major league. A number of scouts have dined with us, and—in short, I fear the worst."—Puck.

**Took the Tail End.**  
The Lancashire people are fond of dogs—in fact, they're very proud of them, and, therefore, when a prominent dog fancier came home one night and found his son had bought a nondescript mongrel he was rather riled.

"How much didst thee gie for that dog?" he inquired.  
"Five shillings," replied the son.  
"Tell thee what A'll do," replied the parent. "A'll go shares w' thee. A'll gie thee half a crown for ma share."  
The half crown was duly paid; then the father remarked:  
"A'll tak' t' tail end, and A'm goin' to kick my half outen t' door!"  
And he did.—London Tit-Bits.

**Why He Remembered.**  
"Well, Tommy, what did you think of Venice?"  
"Oh, I'll never forget Venice!"  
"No doubt you were profoundly impressed. What did you see there?"  
"I saw the little girl who lived across the street from me, back in Oklahoma City."

**A Difficult Feat.**  
First Actress—I have the latest fashionable gown to wear in the new play, and I have a fat part.  
Second Ditto—Then how are you going to wear the fashionable gowns?

**Exceptions.**  
"The immensity of nature strikes everyone with the same awed feeling."  
"No, it doesn't. I took a girl to the circus once and she told me she thought the hippopotamus was cute."

**Sure of It.**  
"Hamlet knew he couldn't get a square deal from his mother."  
"How did he know it?"  
"Didn't say herself she was going to be round with him?"

Twenty-five thousand Albanians have been wantonly killed in the Turkish province of Kessove by the Serbian regulars and irregulars since the invasion of European Turkey was begun by them, according to a newspaper dispatch.

## IN GOLDEN AGE OF YOUTH

"College Life" a Thing Always to Be Regarded With the Tenderest of Memories.

The phrase "college life" is an Americanism and it has no equivalent in any other language but English. It describes to those whose use with understanding and sympathy, an experience out of which grows a deep sentiment made up of pleasure, friendship, affection, loyalty and pride. It seems to them "a tender influence, a peculiar grace," that reaches out across miles and years, drawing them back to their Alma Mater, and the comradeship of their classmates. To most graduates their college life seems their golden age; through the mist of years the campus becomes an island of Utopia whose very tediums grow bright in the retrospect, the sting of whose sins and failures was always lessened by the power of the ideals and hopes that filled its air. No campus ever was a Utopia, and the most golden age of memory has doubtless been much alloyed with baser metal, but if there is not something very bright and beautiful in American college life it is hard to account for the feeling in thousands of gray-haired men that long ago in their youth, besides the education they got, they gained around the campus of Alma Mater lasting joy, strength and inspiration that was not entirely contained in the books they read and cannot be exactly measured by the knowledge they acquired.—Paul Van Dyke in Scribner's Magazine.

### AND MR. VANDERBILT PAID

"Get the Very Best," Was His Instruction—Sequel Became Only a Matter of Course.

This is how the late Cornelius Vanderbilt found himself giving to an institution the same costly carpet he had just selected for his palatial New York home:

Saint Johnland is a church community on Long Island, where differences of faith play little part in the admission of some 200 children and old people. Mr. Vanderbilt, its vice-president, offered one day, through Dr. Henry Mottet, to give the chapel a much-needed carpet, and told Dr. Mottet where to buy it. The article continues:

"Get the very best," said Mr. Vanderbilt, who had just finished his new house at 1 West Fifty-seventh street. Mr. Mottet accordingly looked over carpets and selected a costly one of red velvet. He told the clerk it was for an institution, gave its rather generous dimensions-to-be, and added that the bill should go to Mr. Vanderbilt. The clerk had some difficulty to recover his composure.

"I don't suppose you know," he volunteered, "that this is the identical carpet selected by Mr. Vanderbilt for his new house!"

The Vanderbilt carpet is still in the little chapel.—The Churchman.

### Need Not Be Drudgery.

Young American women would do well to heed the words of a recent lecturer on household economies, who said that housework need not necessarily be drudgery. She says it is not drudgery, once its technique is mastered, any more than dancing or piano playing or acting or singing are disagreeable tasks, once the girl has mastered the basic principles of each of these arts. Housekeeping is relatively simple when one knows how. The difficulty is that few take the trouble to learn how. If the same intelligence and persistence are used as are employed in mastering any of the other accomplishments, after the learning period is over, the practice is comparatively easy. There is a period of drudgery in acquiring any art, no matter what it is, and no one can expect to master housekeeping or music either who is not willing to submit to the necessary period of training. But ease comes with knowing how and disposing of the duties in a clear-headed, systematic, scientific manner.—Exchange.

### Victim for Each Building.

The belief, illustrated in the ballad of "The Bridge of Arts," that a human victim is required to insure the stability of a bridge or building survives in Greece today, J. A. Lawson says.

There is no murder now. It suffices to obtain, preferably from an enemy or old person, a hair, nail, paring, shred of clothing, old shoe or a three-cent stamp, and mark it with the person's height or footprint measure, and bury these beneath the foundation stone. The victim dies within a year, but the building is safe.

Even a shadow will do. Mr. Lawson was himself dragged back by a friend in Santorini so that his shadow might not fall across such a fatal spot; and the mayor of Agrigina told him that his four predecessors had all died from lettering their shadows fall on foundation stones laid by them.

### Fire Without Flame.

An English engineer named Bode has invented a way to have fire without flame. His apparatus consists of a porous plate or mass of fire-resisting fragments, within which he mixes inflammable gas and air in the right proportions.

When the gas is first turned on and lighted it burns with a flame at the surface of the plate. When the air is turned on the flame disappears, but the heat increases. A temperature of 3,200 degrees is claimed.

Just what use of this invention can be made is yet a question.

### Hartford Player Badly Hurt.

After seven minutes of play at West Lebanon last week Friday night, between Rockland Military academy and Hartford, Vt., high, with the score 8 to 0 in favor of the home team, Blodol, the captain of the Hartford five, was seriously injured. While running, he ran against the woodwork at the entrance, hitting his head. He was rendered unconscious.

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**Finance.**  
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Methodist Episcopal—Rev. F. T. Clark, pastor. Services Sunday—Preaching, 10.30 a. m.; Sunday school, 11.45 a. m.; Thursday prayer meeting, 7.30 p. m.; Sunday evening meeting, 7.00.

Catholic—Rev. H. J. Maillet, pastor. Mass at 11 a. m.; evening service at 7.30.

Services will be held the second and fourth Sunday of each month at Village hall, Quebec, at 9 o'clock, and at Barnard, at the town hall, on the second Sunday of each month at 9 o'clock.

St. James Church—Rev. R. LeBlanc Lynch, rector. Morning Prayer and Sermon 10.30 a. m. Holy Communion on first Sunday in the month after Morning Prayer. Sunday School at noon. Evening Prayer and sermon 5 p. m. All are welcome.

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To all persons interested in the estate of Mary A. Regan, late of Barnard, in said District, deceased,

Greeting:

Whereas, said Court has assigned the 13th day of February next for examining and allowing the account of John C. Moore, Admr. c. t. a. of the estate of said deceased, and for a decree of the residue of said estate to the lawful claimants of the same, and ordered that public notice thereof be given to all persons interested in said estate by publishing this order three weeks successively previous to the day assigned, in the Spirit of the Age, a newspaper published at Woodstock, in said District.

Therefore, you are hereby notified to appear at the Probate Office in Woodstock, in said District, on the day assigned, then and there to contest the allowance of said account if you see cause, and to establish your right as heirs, legatees and lawful claimants to said residue.

Given under my hand, this 20th day of January, 1913.

Fred'k C. Southgate, Judge.